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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2009**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during October, down 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,352,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,686,000 a year ago. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,229 eggs, compared with 2,155 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.68 billion during October 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2010 averaged 336 million, up slightly from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,285 eggs, down slightly from October 2009.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES SLIGHTLY**

During the month of October, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.2 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year's 19.5 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2010 totaled 767 million, up 5 percent from October 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 618 million on November 1, 2010, up 7 percent from a year earlier.